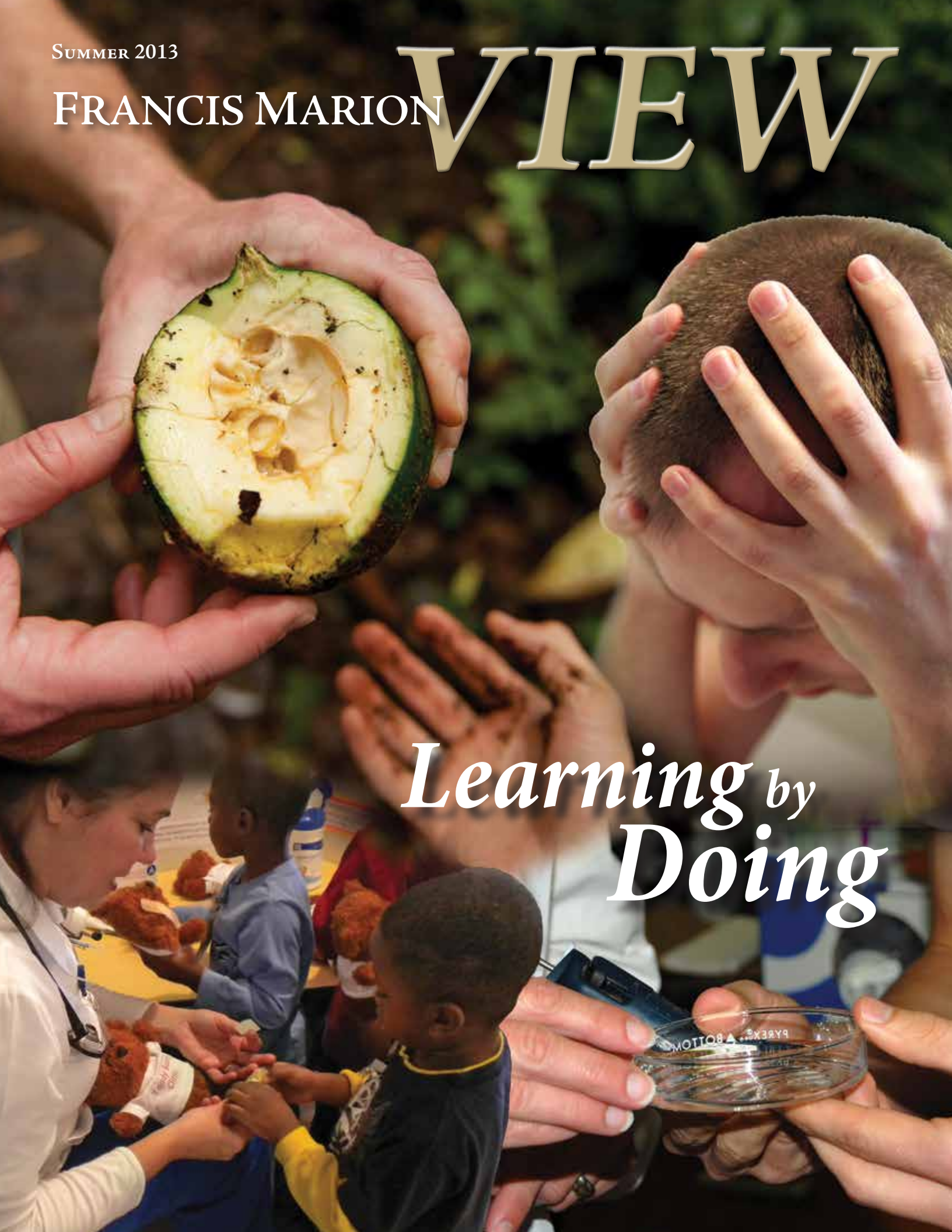


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Letter from the president

Dear Friends,

This edition of the *VIEW* focuses on the past and present projects that are a part of the R.E.A.L. Program, the University's experiential learning initiative. This program was started to satisfy the regional accreditation Quality Enhancement Program requirement in 2008. From the beginning, it has grown and expanded to encompass every discipline on this campus. Hundreds of students have had the opportunity to learn more extensively by participating in applied research, events or activities, all of which are developed or arranged through the active involvement of our faculty. The profiles contained in the following pages provide a sampling of some of the more creative and industrious efforts.

Of course, all of this underscores the amazing ability of FMU's faculty to meld teaching, research and professional practice together to make the learning experience all the more meaningful for our students. I frequently remind the audiences at commencement that everything that is pure and vibrant and enduring in a university comes from the faculty. The R.E.A.L. Program is a prime example of this and further evidence of the faculty's efforts to prepare graduates for contemporary society.



Dr. Fred Carter
FMU President



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From

QEP

Quality Enhancement Plan

to

**Ready to
REAP
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Applied
Learning**

WELCOME TO Ready to Experience Applied Learning (R.E.A.L.) at Francis Marion University 2013, formerly known as the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). R.E.A.L. seeks to add practice components to theory learned in the classroom and lead to more complete learning that enhances traditionally acquired knowledge. It is the real-life experiences that prepare students for the world. The research can be categorized as one or more of the following: service-learning, faculty-mentored, internships, and/or study travel.

One of the most difficult images to capture within the magazine-story-format is the intrinsically dynamic and unpredictable nature of the research process—from the initial idea to the “eureka” moment of discovery to the published results.

It is the roller coaster of fits and starts, together with the excitement of uncovering new truths while venturing into uncharted territories that gives the research process its indescribable sense of exhilaration. This unpredictable process of discovery can be as informative as the final destination, and can often lead researchers in an entirely new and promising direction of inquiry. Francis Marion aspires to go beyond providing support for and facilitating the end point of research: the goal is to empower the faculty, research staff, and students to dream and take risks at every

point of the research process defining the path to discovery, a goal symbolized by the “Learning By Doing” theme of this year’s cover.

In spring 2006, Francis Marion University undertook the task of involving the institutional community in selecting and designing a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) focused on issues important to improving student learning at the University.

By fall 2006, the President and Provost created the QEP Concept Committee and charged it with the responsibility of developing a QEP concept for presentation to the institutional community. Composed of seven faculty members from seven different disciplines, the Concept Committee took into account the FMU Mission Statement, the FMU Strategic Plan, recommendations from the FMU Strategic Plan Work Group and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Leadership Team, and significant issues of longstanding concern to the institution. Through deliberation, the Committee developed a QEP concept designed to broaden the intellectual and cultural horizons of students by engaging them in learning experiences outside the traditional classroom, laboratory, or library.

Dr. Williams P. Wattles, professor of psychology, is the coordinator of the R.E.A.L. program.

Background image is of the Sumaco Volcano located in Ecuador, one of the areas where students may take part in experiential learning.

Can a cure be found in Wildsumaco?

FACULTY MEMBER: Travis Knowles, director of Wildsumaco Biological Station and associate professor of biology
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 10

Located at about 4,500 feet above sea-level on the eastern crest of the magnificent Andes Mountains, above the Amazon River basin in Ecuador, the Wildsumaco Biological Station was officially opened in March 2012 by Francis Marion University and the University of North Carolina (Wilmington). The establishment of the new research center is the result of seven years of fundraising and will be used to promote the study and conservation of the incredibly rich biodiversity of this region of Ecuador.

Director of the Wildsumaco Biological Station, FMU associate biology professor Travis Knowles noted that Ecuador is referred to as a “mega diverse country” with regard to its flora and fauna species. He also pointed out that the research station is located in one of the most diverse forests on the earth, where minimal scientific study has been done. Professional scientists, as well as students, undergraduates and graduates from Francis Marion University and its partner institution the University of North Carolina, will have the opportunity to explore this pristine reserve, with the very real possibility of discovering new species to add to the already astounding numbers found in this fascinating country.

Accommodation at the Wildsumaco Biological Station is basic, with the daily fee including three meals per day. Spare accommodation may be booked out to budget-conscious eco-tourists as an alternative to the more luxurious Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary nearby. The idea for a research station reportedly came about through a chance meeting of Professor Knowles and the owners of the lodge while on a birding trip in Peru. Their common goal of conservation through knowledge eventually led to the biological station.

Eco-tourism is becoming more popular in Central and South American countries, and is slowly catching on in Ecuador. It has the potential of offering rural Ecuadorians an income related to conservation, rather than the current trend of deforestation for cultivation of edible crops. Once the crops have been harvested and the soil depleted of nutrients, rural farmers clear a new patch of land to cultivate, stripping it of its natural resources. In addition to attracting tourists and researchers to the area, the Wildsumaco Biological Reserve will create jobs for locals.

Discovering new species in the unexplored areas of Ecuador is not simply an academic exercise. As Knowles points out, about twenty-five percent of prescription medications current in use were originally discovered in some type of wild species of plant or fungus. The first class of Francis Marion University students spent two weeks at the Wildsumaco Biological Reserve in July 2012.

Is there a pattern between genetic similarity and geographic proximity?

FACULTY MEMBERS: Dr. Jeff Camper, Coordinator of Wildlife and Fisheries Biology Cooperative Programs and professor of biology, and Dr. Paul Zwiers assistant professor of biology
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 2

Vibrant green and boldly marked, the Pine Barrens tree frog is the species of choice for the research of Dr. Camper and Dr. Zwiers and their student participants. The focus – population and conservation genetics of small, isolated populations, and the factors that influence genetic structure in these populations.

Specifically, the group uses molecular genetic data to determine genetic differences, levels of gene flow, and evolutionary relationships between small, isolated populations of declining frogs. The Pine Barrens Treefrog is an interesting species from the standpoint of biogeography. It is found in the New Jersey Pine Barrens, parts of the Carolinas and the western end of the Florida panhandle and apparently nowhere in between. In South Carolina it is found in the fall line sandhills only, and from the vicinity of Columbia northeast to North Carolina only. This species has not been found on the southwest side of Columbia despite the presence of suitable habitat. In North Carolina it is found in both fall line sandhills and on southeastern portions of the coastal plain. The Florida populations were not discovered until the 1970's and the frog does occur in a small portion of adjacent Alabama as well. The objectives of this study are to examine the genetic structure of Pine Barrens treefrog populations in all three regions of its geographic range.

As unique as its biogeographically makeup is its appearance. It is a tiny tree frog, between 1 1/2 to 2 inches in length. A purple stripe with a yellowish-white border extends from the snout through the eye down each side of the body. It is white below, with a vibrant orange patch beneath each hind leg that shows as a flash of color when the frog jumps. Its throat has a purplish tinge, which is particularly visible on the male. The call of the Pine Barrens tree frog is a rapid and nasal “quonk-quonk-quonk,” repeated at a rate of about 25 times in 20 seconds.

Can a culture live forever?



Daphnia magna

FACULTY MEMBER:
Dr. Erin Eaton,
assistant professor of
biology
**STUDENT
INVOLVEMENT:** 8

With the recent
sequencing of the

Daphnia pulex genome, interest in the molecular aspects of the members of the genus popular ecological model has grown. The FMU biology lab has been investigating several proteins and signaling pathways in whole animals; unfortunately such studies can be limited by the logistics of extracting molecules, such as protein, RNA and DNA from the whole animal. In other words, degradation often occurs during the processing and valuable amounts of material are lost. Another limitation is the ease of manipulation of the organisms during treatments, such as UV irradiation. One way around these limitations has historically presented itself in the use of cell cultures from your organism of interest. For example, cell cultures from humans, mice and *Drosophila* (just to name a few) are in common use in labs around the world. To date, however, there is no published presence of any adherent *Daphnia* cell lines.

Students and Dr. Eaton have developed a protocol enabling the extraction of embryos from *D. magna* and the subsequent creation of an adherent cell line. Dr. Eaton chose *D. magna* as the model because, as the name suggests, they are larger and the embryos are more easily extracted than those from smaller species. The group has performed some assays on these cells, such as cell viability assays and Western analyses, to characterize these lines. They have also explored the possibility of immortalizing these lines for ease of propagation in culture, as these lines, like all primary cultures have a limited lifespan when grown in vitro. In other words, these cells will die in culture within a number of weeks, whereas immortalized cells can be grown indefinitely.

In summary, this undertaking will have a number of smaller projects that will be ideal for undergraduate students:

- 1) The creation of the lines themselves, involving dissection and homogenization of the embryos into single cells;
- 2) The analysis of the lines, such as length of cell viability and the identification of the cell types (i.e., are they fibroblasts or epithelial cells?)
- 3) The identification of a means to immortalize these lines (typical methods involve treatment with a carcinogen, such as UV radiation, or infection with a cancer causing virus).

NOTE: These viruses are species specific and pose no danger to humans.

How are stress, disease and Sphingolipid B related?

FACULTY MEMBER: Dr. Teresa Herzog, associate professor of Psychology, and Dr. Lori Turner, assistant professor of Biology
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 10

FMU students engaged in independent research and/or advanced coursework in the Departments of Biology and Psychology were asked to participate in this project with Dr. Teresa Herzog, associate professor of psychology (stress) and Dr. Lori Turner, assistant professor of biology (sphingolipid bioactivity).

Preliminary results of this project were presented at the spring meeting of Symposium for Young Neuroscientists And Professors of the South East (SYNAPSE) in Columbia in March 2013. The project formed one important basis for establishing an interdisciplinary neuroscience track at FMU that will provide important research opportunities for students targeting medical professional disciplines. The students chosen to work on the project will have a foundation in the basic concepts relevant to the project. In addition, they worked closely with mentoring faculty members, providing a true cross-disciplinary experience.

Current students are actively preparing themselves for careers in a medical field.

This was the second year of investigation regarding possibility that the sphingolipids, important in intracellular and extracellular processes, may act as stress signaling pathways. The group hypothesized that when the sphingolipids, including ceramide, sphingosine, and sphingosine 1-phosphate (S1P), act in stress signaling, they subvert the expectable stress pathway of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis. This alteration of the normal mechanism lies at the basis of the well-known link between stress and disease. For example, the sphingolipids have been identified to act as second messengers in tumor development as well as having powerful oncogenic properties (Prieschl & Baumruker, 2000). In addition, it is known that ceramide modulates a number of biochemical and cellular responses to stress, including apoptosis, cell-cycle arrest, and cell senescence (Hannun & Luberto, 2000). The students have been exposed to such diverse techniques as Western blot assays, ELISA assays, and plasmid preparation, stabilization and analysis. Thus far, the research has led to two significant presentations of research.



Can foreign language become not so foreign?

FACULTY MEMBER: Dr. Wendy Caldwell Richardson, coordinator of Spanish Program and associate professor of Spanish
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 10

In a world that is increasingly interdependent, adults and children alike can no longer afford to remain monolingual. Success depends in large measure on the ability to function as a member of a global village who can speak a variety of languages. Learning foreign languages is no longer a pastime: it is a necessity.

To this end, the students enrolled in Dr. Richardson's Spanish 497, "Foreign Language Teaching Methods" are holding class in Briggs Elementary School. The group is offering a language series on Mondays and Wednesdays during the Extended Day Program to students in grades 5K-3.

This project responds to Briggs' desire to integrate a Spanish language program. Studies show that introducing a second language at an early age enhances a child's overall academic performance. Given that the Hispanic population represents the largest minority population in the U.S., Spanish language classes speak to the children's present and future realities. More importantly, our university students will have the opportunity to practice acquired skills from both their Spanish classes and other disciplines.



Allison Rhodes works with students at Briggs Elementary School.

The common objectives shared by the FMU students are:

- 1) to practice and further develop proficiency in Spanish through a real-life setting;
- 2) to demonstrate knowledge of foreign language teaching methods;
- 3) to critically reflect on one's experience; and
- 4) to experience and reflect on the implications of the integration of a foreign language into the elementary school curriculum.

Research supports the premise that students gain certain knowledge through experiential learning that cannot occur within the boundaries of the traditional classroom. From raised levels of self-esteem and a heightened awareness and respect of diversity in our global community, to improved proficiency in the target language, the benefits of this service to the Florence area is immeasurable.

Is a meeting at the "Y" enough to create an after-school tutoring program?



FACULTY MEMBERS: Dr. Joe Aniello, coordinator of the Non-profit Management Program and associate professor of management, and Dr. Polly Haseldon, associate professor of education

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 35

In a joint effort between Education, Business and Liberal Arts, Francis Marion University created a new after-school tutoring program for participants in the YMCA Daycare division. This program was developed, implemented and marketed to a wide variety of stakeholders in the local market. In addition, one major component of the program involved the inclusion of students who are identified as needing remedial instruction but are not members at the YMCA.

Students enrolled in Reading in the Content Areas (i.e., EDUC 411) and students enrolled in Managing the Nonprofit (i.e., NPM 453) had the opportunity to collaborate together throughout the spring semester to complete a service learning project at the Florence area YMCA. Students in both courses (i.e., EDUC 411 and NPM 453) worked to devise a plan to market a tutoring program that was implemented at the afterschool program at the YMCA. Teacher candidates are enrolled in EDUC 411 as a requirement for graduation.

The students in middle level/secondary education follow a recommended course of study, so most students take EDUC 411 during their junior year. Students enrolled in NPM 453 are either: Business majors/minors who are interested in careers in Non-Profit organizations, or: Non-Business students who are interested in better preparing themselves for advancing careers in the administration of Non-Profit organizations. In either case, Non Profit: Structure and Dynamics (i.e., NPM 351) is the pre-requisite for the course.

Much is said of the possibilities service learning holds to improve novice teachers. Rahima Wade (1995) surveyed a group of teachers in training and found several outcomes produced by service learning. The majority of participants (82%) reported increased self-efficacy and almost 50 percent reported increased self-esteem. Among the service outcomes, the study revealed 67 percent of the candidates increased their knowledge of others (usually not like them). These findings are encouraging and would be considered worthwhile in most educational teacher training courses (Cohen, 1994; Vadeboncoeur, 1996). Throughout the literature, there are references to support the call for service in teacher education programs.

Does this code add up to real results?

FACULTY MEMBER: Dr. Larry Engelhardt, associate professor of physics

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 7

Does this code add up to real results? According to a graduate student at Cal Tech, it does. He wrote, "Thank you very much for your hard work and effort writing the code for FIT-MART, in my experience the most user-friendly and powerful program to simulate and/or fit multiple spin systems I have encountered."

Dr. Engelhardt and six upper-level computational physics students developed a new open-source software package, FIT-MART, that allows non-experts to quickly get started simulating quantum magnetism. FIT-MART can be downloaded as a platform-independent executable Java (JAR) file. It allows the user to define (Heisenberg) Hamiltonians by electronically drawing pictures that represent quantum spins and operators. Sliders are automatically generated to control the values of the parameters in the model, and when the values change, several plots are updated

in real time to display both the resulting energy spectra and the equilibrium magnetic properties. Several experimental data sets for real magnetic molecules are included in



DLA cluster

FIT-MART to allow easy comparison between simulated and experimental data, and FIT-MART users can also import their own data for analysis and compare the goodness of fit for different models.

Already used at grocery store checkouts and in remote controls, can laser spectroscopy make life even more convenient for you?



FACULTY MEMBER: Dr. R. Seth Smith, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative Professor of Physics

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: 3

This faculty-mentored research project uses an external cavity diode laser to perform saturated absorption spectroscopy on Rubidium atoms. When lasers are used to investigate the spectral composition of an atom, the spectral lines are always broadened. This can make it difficult to precisely locate the transition and can make it impossible to resolve

closely-spaced features. One common source of broadening is the wavelength range of the laser source. A second source of broadening is due to the Doppler Effect and results from the range of atomic velocities in the sample. The first source can be addressed by using an external cavity diode laser with a very narrow wavelength range. The second source can be addressed by utilizing a technique known as saturated absorption

spectroscopy. The technique employs splitting a laser beam into two components.

Suitable optics are used to create overlapping and counter propagating laser beams of appropriate intensities that depopulate different velocity groups for the rubidium atoms.

Specific studies for this project include:

1. Assembling an external cavity diode laser.
2. Aligning an external cavity diode laser.
3. Testing and characterizing an external cavity diode laser.
4. Constructing a mount for the Rubidium cell.
5. Setting up the optics for laser induced fluorescence spectroscopy.
6. Aligning the optics and detectors.
7. Scanning the external cavity diode laser to collect a Doppler-broadened spectrum for rubidium.
8. Setting up the optics for saturated absorption spectroscopy.
9. Aligning the optics and detectors.
10. Scanning the external cavity diode laser to collect a Doppler-free spectrum for Rubidium.
11. Record the results with a Tektronix digital oscilloscope.
12. Analyze the data and determine structural constants for Rubidium.

Diode lasers are widely used in physics, chemistry, and engineering research.

R.E.A.L. Grants for Fall 2012

Name	Title	Count
Dr. Scott Brown	Ecuador Geography Field Trip	10
Dr. Wendy Caldwell Richardson	Spanish Language Pilot Program with Briggs and FSD1	10
Dr. Jeffrey Camper	Evolutionary genetics of the pine barrens tree frog	2
Dr. William Duffy	English 331: Rhetoric and Politics: Columbia Visit	20
Dr. Erin Eaton	Development of primary cell culture from Daphnia magna	8
Dr. Larry Englehardt	Computational Physics Workshop at the University of Georgia	7
Dr. Brandon Goff	Music and Design German Collaboration (1 of 2)	4
Dr. Brandon Goff	Music and Design German Collaboration (1 of 2)	4
Dr. Garry Griffith	One Day Sportscasting Success Seminar	6
Dr. Paolo Gualdi	South Carolina Chamber Music Festival	40
Dr. Polly Haselden	Tutoring and Mentoring in Literacy Instruction	25
Dr. Teresa Herzog	Pursuing Relations Among Stress, Cancer and Sphingolipid B	1
Dr. Sam Howell	Experiencing Art Museums in Boston-Cambridge-Salem	6
Charles Jeffcoat	Music and Design German Collaboration (1 of 2)	4
Charles Jeffcoat	Music and Design German Collaboration (1 of 2)	4
Charles Jeffcoat	AIGA Biennial Design Conference 2013, Minneapolis	4
Dr. Joe Aniello	Interdisciplinary Service Learning: Management/Education	35
Dr. Christopher Johnson	Research Presentation/SEASECS	2
Dr. Scott Kaufman	Model United Nations 2012	8
Dr. Jennifer Kunka	SWCA Conference - Tutor Survival Strategies	6
Dr. Jennifer Kunka	SWCA Conference - Venturing into Journalism	2
Dr. Dawn Larsen	Burning Man 2013	3
Dr. Meredith Love	Pre-Service Teachers at SCCTE	6
Maria Lundberg	New York Media Discovery	6
Dr. Jacob Moldenhauer	AAS Winter Meeting, January 6-10	3
Dr. Jacob Moldenhauer	Building a Raspberry PI Mini Computing Cluster	2
Padmaja Rao	FMU Computer Science Conference	7
Padmaja Rao	Programming Contest	9
Dr. Terry Roberts	Ben Sollee residency	35
Dr. Seth Smith	Faculty-Mentored Research in Single Photon Quantum Mechanics	3
Dr. Seth Smith	Faculty-Mentored Research in Laser Spectroscopy	3
Dr. David Szurley	Modeling Industrial Processes	8
Dr. Joel Thayer	Present papers at undergraduate research symposium	5
Dr. Lori Turner	Effect of lysosome destabilization on response to treatment	4
Dr. Jon Tuttle	Air Travel funds for international exchange students	6
Dr. Jon Tuttle	Travel funds for exchange students (3)	6
Dr. Alissa Warters	McNair Scholars Trip to Germany	3
Dr. Shayna Wrighten	Gaining a better understanding of empathy-like behavior	4
Total		321

Rural Leadership Institute class of 2013

Thirty-two South Carolina residents participated in the Rural Leadership Institute and completed the program at Francis Marion University in May.



FMU unveils statue of Dr. Doug Smith

ON THE SUN-KISSED cool and breezy afternoon of March 1, the sons of FMU's first president Dr. Doug Smith unveiled a 6-foot 2-inch bronze sculpture of the man who began its 43 years of history.

Shortly before the unveiling of the statue, located in the rear of Stokes Administration Building, FMU President Dr. Fred Carter welcomed the large crowd assembled for the event.

"Many presidents will serve this University over the course of our history, but Doug Smith was the founding president. And what a terrific job he did with the first faculty, the curriculum, and the buildings," said Carter. "We are all profoundly grateful for his contributions and this is our way of saying thanks for the legacy that he has provided us."

*Palkovich,
Smith and
Wattles*

Sculpted by Alex Palkovich, the statue stands in the center of the rotunda at the rear of the building as a landmark for all who walk the campus.

"I appreciate the very successful efforts of all who were betting on Alex in this artistic endeavor. I know that some unwavering force had to be involved along the way," said Smith. "I know that Fred Carter has a sense of history as he continues the dream for this institution."

Just as momentous as the statue itself is the site chosen to display it, said Smith. He found the back of the administration building most fitting because it was there some 43 years ago that he met with prospective students to give the vision for his tenure.

"As I described, as best I could, the curriculum that would be offered and the building program that we would initiate. I would occasionally point there to the south to the acres that would become our new campus," said Smith. "On that day, we imagined fine new buildings, playing fields, streets and sidewalks. . . dreaming. But today we can see they've become reality."

In October 1969, Dr. Smith was chosen as the university's founding president. A life-long educator, he had been a faculty member and administrator at Winthrop, and was serving as president of Salisbury State College in Maryland. He served as president of FMU until 1983.



Hitt



Cusac Green



Gould



Honorary Degree Recipients 2013

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY awarded honorary degrees to the S.C. Secretary of Commerce, a technical college president and a former FMU distinguished professor during spring commencement ceremonies in May.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees were: S.C. Secretary of Commerce Robert M. Hitt III of Columbia; Florence-Darlington Technical College President Dr. Charles Gould of Florence; and retired professor of English Dr. Marian Cusac Green of Marion.

Hitt was also the commencement speaker for the 392 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates included 357 students for undergraduate degrees and 35 for graduate diplomas.

Hitt was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as Secretary of Commerce in January 2011. Prior to his appointment, he was manager of corporate affairs at the BMW Manufacturing Company in Spartanburg. In addition, he served as the director of planning and development for the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough law firm in Columbia. Hitt worked as a managing editor for 17 years at The State and The Columbia Record newspapers.

A native of Charleston, Hitt is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and was recognized as Distinguished Journalism Alumni of the Year in 2006. In 1987, he received the prestigious Nieman Fellowship for journalists. He and his wife Gwen have two sons.

Gould, who was inaugurated as Florence-Darlington Technical College's third president in November 1993, retired in May. He has been in the technical college system

of South Carolina for more than 30 years and has served in three of the system's 16 technical colleges. Gould has also taught at Duke University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and he was an associate managing editor of a national educational publishing company.

He earned the Ph.D. from Duke University with an emphasis in ethics and law and he received a Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with an emphasis in the philosophy of mathematics. He recently completed his term as chairman of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership, which he held for more than 11 years. He and his wife of 44 years, Eleanor have two sons.

Green served at four universities, including the University of North Carolina and Mercer University, prior to coming to Francis Marion in 1977 as a professor of English.

Before her retirement in 1995, she had a profound impact as a professor of English and the coordinator of the College Life Academic Program. While teaching at FMU she was named distinguished professor, and after her retirement a residence hall was named in her honor. During her tenure she also maintained membership in eight professional organizations, was a member of three scholarly societies, and was very involved in student activities.

The Kentucky native earned the B.A. from Mary Baldwin College in 1954, the M.A. and the Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) in 1957 and 1964, respectively. Green has two children.



Industrial Engineering Degree Program Approved

THE FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY Board of Trustees took action at a recent quarterly meeting to address the region's growing need for qualified industrial engineers.

The board approved a resolution to establish the industrial engineering degree program to begin Jan. 1, 2014. FMU is awaiting final approval of the program from the SC Commission on Higher Education.

"We are proud to move forward with this new degree in industrial engineering. As with the nursing, nurse practitioner and nurse educator programs, this initiative has been developed in response to the workforce needs of the region and the state," said FMU President Dr. Fred Carter. "We think that it will be very, very successful."

FMU recently received a \$150,000 gift from Santee Cooper as part of the electric utility's support of the University's forthcoming industrial engineering degree program for which FMU will partner with Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Santee Cooper has provided \$50,000 to fund the instructional costs of the program, said Libby Cooper, interim director of the FMU Foundation. The balance of \$100,000 will be used to establish the Santee Cooper Endowed Scholarship Fund for students who enroll in the new program.

"I have nothing but praise for Lonnie Carter and the board of Santee Cooper. This institution has been a strong proponent for education in South Carolina for decades," said Carter. "It's not surprising that the very first gift we get in support of this new program comes from our friends at Santee Cooper."



Kirley-Tallon gives Moran Address

FMU'S RECENTLY RETIRED Professor of Political Science Dr. Eileen Kirley-Tallon delivered the seventh William C. Moran address titled "All You Need is Love," this year. Kirley-Tallon made her colleagues at FMU the focus of her speech.

This is the seventh in a series of "last lectures" by retiring FMU faculty. Previous honorees were Dr. Lorraine de Montluzin, Dr. Roger Allen, Dr. Mary McNulty, Dr. Julia Krebs, Dr. Larry Nelson and Dr. Ken Autrey.

Kirley-Tallon

Dr. Kirley-Tallon retires in July after 39 years at FMU. The honors she has received include being named FMU's Distinguished Professor in 1994 and the John Monroe Johnson Holliday Professor of Political Science in 1988. She is a member of several honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Sigma Alpha.

Dr. Kirley-Tallon earned her baccalaureate degree in political science from the University of Cincinnati and her Master of Arts from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1974, while completing the Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh, she was invited to join the faculty at FMU at the rank of instructor. Since then, she has chaired the Department of Political Science, History and Geography, taught many different courses in political science, including in FMU's Honors Program, and has chaired or served on many institutional committees, including the Academic Council, the Faculty Senate, and the Academic Affairs Committee. In 1985-1987 she served as director of the Self-Study for reaccreditation.

Ward guest Hunter Lecturer

THE JONES THOMAS AND CAROLYN STROMAN

Hunter Chair in English Literature at Francis Marion University presented Jesmyn Ward, author of "Salvage the Bones."

She won the 2011 National Book Award for Fiction and a 2012 Alex Award with her second novel "Salvage the Bones," a story about familial love and community covering the 10 days preceding Hurricane Katrina, the day of the cyclone, and the day after. An assistant professor of creative writing at the University of South Alabama, Ward is currently working on a memoir. She was the John and Renée Grisham Writer in Residence at the University of Mississippi for the 2010-2011 academic year. From 2008 to 2010 Ward had a Stegner Fellowship at Stanford University.

The Hunter Chair in English Literature funds two lectures per year. The Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature at FMU was established in 1991 by three sisters - Dorothy Hunter Thames Ellis, Adelle Hunter West, and Hattie Costa Hunter King - as a memorial to their parents, Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter.



Ward

Historian headlines

General Francis Marion Day

GENERAL FRANCIS MARION Memorial Day is recognized every year on February 27. The day is set aside to honor the revolutionary war hero whose name you can find on a city, a national forest, a university and schools in the area. The date marks the general's death. He was 63 when he died in 1795.

The speaker for the 2013 event was author and historian Rod Gragg of Conway, who serves as the director of The Center for Military & Veterans Studies at Coastal Carolina University; lecturer and adjunct professor of history.

Gragg has written 16 books on topics in American history. One of his works, *Covered With Glory: The 26th North Carolina Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg*, published by HarperCollins and UNC Press, earned the James I. Robertson Award as the best Civil War book of the year. His history of the battle of Fort Fisher, Confederate Goliath, won both the Fletcher Pratt Award from the New York City Civil War Roundtable, the Clarendon Cup, and was the basis for a PBS documentary. His works have been selections of the Book-of-the-Month Club, the History Book Club and the Military History Book Club.

One of his recent works, *Forged in Faith: How Faith Shaped the Birth of the Nation, 1607-1776*, was nominated for the prestigious George Washington Book Prize. His latest works include *By the Hand of Providence: How Faith Shaped the American Revolution* and *George Washington: An Interactive Biography*.

Gragg is now director of the Center for Military & Veterans Studies at Coastal Carolina University, where he lectures as an adjunct professor of history. He also hosts a regional television program, "Military Memoirs," which features interviews with American military veterans. He is a popular speaker on historical topics to audiences throughout the country, and on national media outlets such as "Fox & Friends" and MSNBC's "Morning Joe."



Gragg

Kristina Marra crowned Miss FMU

KRISTINA MARRA OF ONTARIO, MISSISSAUGA, Canada was crowned Ms. FMU during the annual pageant at Francis Marion University.

Marra is a junior majoring in English. She is the president of Kappa Delta sorority, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, vice president of Sigma Tau Delta, a student Marshall, graduate of Leadership FMU, a member of the Model United Nations, Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa. Marra is also a member of the FMU Women's Soccer Team and has been for three years.

She volunteers her services at McLeod's annual Chef and Child Dinner, Kappa Delta's annual Shamrock Project (golf tournament), Timrod Elementary School's annual Halloween Carnival, Science South, FMU's Center for the Child, Relay For Life, and Olive Branch Soup Kitchen among other projects.

As Ms. FMU, Marra will represent the University at a variety of events, including Open House, Freshman Orientation and outreach events in local high schools. Marra was also awarded Miss Congeniality at the pageant.

Quinterra Middleton, a senior from Charleston who is majoring in psychology with a minor in business, was first runner-up. Second runner-up was Rachel Rushing of Florence. She is a senior majoring in early childhood education with a minor in psychology.



Ms. FMU Kristina Marra of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; First runner-up Quinterra Middleton of Charleston; and Second runner-up Rachel Rushing of Florence.



From left, Bill and Olive Timberlake and Ralph Porter

Marion Medallion presented to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Timberlake and Ralph Porter

BILL AND OLIVE TIMBERLAKE of Hartsville are well known for their dedication to mission work, both at home and away; during the First Presbyterian Church's recent trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico, a "Casa Timberlake" home was dedicated in honor of the Timberlake's previous nine years of mission work. Locally, the two are actively involved with the Scouts, Hartsville Food Bank, Hartsville Interfaith Ministries, First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center and a myriad of other organizations throughout the community. Married 65 years, the couple still finds pleasure in helping the less fortunate – together.

Ralph Porter's background in police science, criminal justice, management and human services, have prepared him for 30 years of work in a variety of law enforcement positions in Florida, Colorado, New Mexico, and South Carolina. After leaving his position as Chief of Police for the City of Florence in 2000, he founded the CHOICES Charter School, which boasts an 85% success rate in helping youth who are unable to continue in their assigned schools for a variety of reasons.

A fairly new award, the Marion Medallion, was presented to former Florence Police Chief Ralph Porter, executive director and founder of CHOICES Charter School and Bill and Olive Timberlake of Hartsville. The medallion is awarded on

or about Feb. 27—Francis Marion Day — every year, and was given, FMU President Dr. Fred Carter said to three people who have made "sustained and significant contributions" to the improvement of the Pee Dee and its people.



Francis Marion unveils lettermark



FRANCIS MARION RECENTLY unveiled a new logo. The "FM Logo" was designed to give the University a timeless logo that will work as well in fifty years as it does today. The logo features an intertwined "F" and "M."

The logo will be used by the athletics department in addition to the general University. During this past baseball season, the Patriots baseball team began

wearing the "FM" on their hats. The other athletic teams will be transitioning to the "FM" logo during their next season.

In addition to appearing on athletes' uniforms, the FM logo adorns flags around campus, cars in the form of bumper stickers and appears in University publications. Products are also available to purchase with the FM logo.

Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival

November 7-8, 2013

Francis Marion University



Jane Yolen
Author of *Owl Moon*



Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Author of *Wench*



Tom Franklin
Author of *Crooked Letter*



Allison Joseph
Author of *My Father's Kites*



Evie Shockley
Author of *The New Black*

FMU's Brogdon receives Diversity Award

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY Assistant Professor of Nursing Rhonda M. Brogdon of Olanta is the fourth recipient of the FMU African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition (AAFSC) Diversity Award. The award seeks to recognize a faculty or staff member for their significant contributions to enhance the University's diversity and inclusiveness.

"Rhonda is most deserving of this award. She was chosen because of her work across campus, her work with professional organizations and in the community," said Teresa McDuffie, chairman of the selection committee. "Her interaction with faculty, staff and students exemplifies the values of diversity."

The award was presented to Brogdon at the 12th Annual Banquet of the AAFSC. The proceeds from the banquet go toward the group's scholarship funds and functions. The keynote speaker for the gala was Dr. John Keith III. He is a pediatrician at Eastern Carolina Pediatrics and a former chief of pediatrics at Carolinas Hospital Systems. Keith is a native of Florence County and a graduate of Hannah-Pamplico High School. He is also a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. and Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Brogdon has been a medical-surgical nurse for 16 years. She received the Bachelor of Science in nursing from Clemson University in 1994, the Master of Science in nursing in 2004, the Master of Business Administration in 2001, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice from Duquesne University in 2010. Rhonda has



Bonita McFadden, left, and Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, right, congratulate Rhonda Brogdon at the award ceremony

served as mentor and preceptor for 12 years in bedside nursing and was consistently evaluated as a "role model" nurse for 10 years while working in acute care by her nurse manager.

Recipients of the FMU African-American Faculty and Staff Coalition Diversity Award are people who routinely and voluntarily make diversity and inclusion a priority in much of what they do or people whose major responsibilities are implementing gender diversity and inclusion initiatives, but consistently explore ways to go above and beyond expectations.



Dr. Alissa Warters

Dr. Keith Best

Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price

Teaching, Research and Service

THREE FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet this spring.

Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the McNair Center for Government and History Dr. T. Alissa Warters was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching; Chair of the Nursing Department Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price was presented the Award for Excellence in Research; and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Peter D. Hyman Professor of Fine Arts Keith Best received the Award for Excellence in Service.

Wittmann-Price earned an associate's degree in applied science and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Felician College in Lodi, N.J. in 1978 and 1981, respectively. She received a master's degree as a perinatal clinical nurse specialist from Columbia University in New York in 1983. Wittmann-Price completed her doctorate in nursing science at Widener University in Chester, Pa. in 2006.

She is author of *Fundamentals of Nursing Test Success: An Unfolding Case Study Review*

and co-editor and chapter contributor of three books, "Nursing Education: Foundations for Practice Excellence" (2007) (American Journal of Nursing {AJN} Book of the Year Award winner), "The Certified Nurse Examination (CNE) Review Manual" (2009), and "NCLEX-RN EXCEL Test Success through Unfolding Case Study Review" (2010).

She has also published *Fast facts for Developing a Nursing Academic Portfolio* (2012), *Nursing Concept Care Maps for Safe Patient Care* (Oct. 2012) and *Maternal-Child Nursing Test Success: An Unfolding Case Study Review* (with Francis H. Cornelius) (2011). Her chapter, "The role of the educator," in "Role Development for Doctoral Advanced Nursing Practice" (Dreher, M. & Glasgow, M. E. S., Eds.) contributed to the book winning the AJN Book of the Year Award, 2011.

A native of Valdosta, Ga., Keith Best arrived at FMU in 1993

upon earning the master of fine arts in theatre at the University of Louisville in 1993 and the bachelor of fine arts in theatre from Valdosta State University in 1986. For four years he served as chair of the faculty and was a member of the faculty senate for 11 years prior to serving as secretary and vice-chairman of the senate.

As associate dean, Best's responsibilities include working with department chairs and assisting the Dean in overseeing the College's academic programs. Professor Best will also assist in the development and coordination of initiatives originating in the Dean's Office.

Alissa Warters, a native of Rock Hill has been a member of the FMU faculty since 2004. Warters received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. She received the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of Tennessee.

Her primary research and teaching interests are the American presidency and public law. She was recently recognized

for her role as co-chair of the United Nations Symposium. Warters has given numerous professional presentations on various topics. Her work has been published in several scholarly journals and magazines, all of which focus on the president of the United States and civil liberties.

Her professional memberships include the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, South Carolina Political Science Association and Popular Culture and American Culture Association in the South.

Warters was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees.

“Exemplary teaching, public service and scholarship are essential characteristics of a good faculty member, and these awards recognize the importance of each in our mission of educating students. The accomplishments of Alissa, Ruth and Keith have earned the respect of this entire campus.”

- Dr. Fred Carter

Durant endowed chair in library science



FRANCIS MARION

UNIVERSITY announces the establishment of the Joyce Durant Endowed Chair in Library Science.

The University established the chair in honor of the dean of the James A. Rogers Library and her contributions to the campus community and the community at large.

The Marion native has been employed with FMU since she graduated from the institution in 1973. After earning a Bachelor of Science in business administration, Durant began working as a clerk-stenographer in the library's reference department. In 1974, she transferred to the acquisitions department and within six months was promoted to Library Technical Assistant III. When the acquisitions librarian retired in 1980, Durant became second in charge of the department. Three years later, the acquisitions librarian was promoted to director of the library and Durant was appointed coordinator of acquisitions.

In 1988, she earned a master's degree from the University of South Carolina and was promoted to acquisitions librarian. In 2006, she was promoted to professor of library science. At the retirement of Paul Dove in 2008, Durant was named interim dean of the library.

After a successful year and a half assignment as interim dean of Francis Marion University's James A. Rogers Library, Joyce M. Durant was promoted to dean.

"Joyce is a remarkable leader and a superb librarian. She enjoys the support and respect of the entire University community and I am delighted to see her honored with this chair," said FMU President Luther F. Carter.

Belanger named Distinguished Professor for 2012-13



DR. KAY LAWRIMORE

BELANGER, N.B. Baroody professor of marketing and marketing coordinator, has been selected the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2012-13 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a campus banquet, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based

upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

Of her, FMU President Dr. Fred Carter said, "Kay is deeply committed to her undergraduate and graduate students. She is a knowledgeable and compassionate teacher and scholar who is truly deserving of this recognition."

The award, named in honor of a former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. Presented at FMU's spring commencement, the award carries a cash prize. As a result of her selection, Belanger will be the FMU nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

Belanger joined the Francis Marion faculty in 1987. Her research has appeared in the *Coastal Business Review*, *IJSHE Special Student Edition*, *Atlantic Economic Journal*, and *Strategic Management*, 9th edition. Her areas of expertise include marketing management, marketing principles, consumer behavior and marketing theory.

She earned the B.S. from FMU, the M.B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

FMU announces administrative appointments

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY has named Dr. Pamela A. Rooks, Dr. Jon Tuttle, Dr. J. Mark Blackwell and Professor D. Keith Best to new administrative roles.

"These are terrific faculty members. They are outstanding teachers, scholars, and administrators. I look forward to working with all of them," said FMU Provost Dr. Richard Chapman.

Dr. Pamela A. Rooks, professor of English and formerly director of the Honors Program, will assume the role of director of the Gender Studies Program.

A native of Durham, N.C., Rooks has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1989. She earned a bachelor's degree in English literature at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, in 1975, and a doctorate in English literature from the University of York - Heslington, in York, England in 1982.

Dr. John Tuttle, professor of English and formerly coordinator of International Programs, will serve as director of the FMU Honors Program.

Tuttle joined the FMU faculty in 1990. He earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications from the University of Utah,

and master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of New Mexico. He also earned a certificate in modern British literature and culture from Edinburgh University in Scotland.

Dr. J. Mark Blackwell, associate professor of philosophy, will now serve as the International Programs director.

Blackwell earned the B.A. degree in English from George Mason University, the Master of Divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and earned the Ph.D. from the University of Sheffield (England).

D. Keith Best, professor of theatre arts, will serve as the associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

A native of Valdosta, Ga., Best arrived at FMU in 1993 upon earning the master of fine arts in theatre at the University of Louisville in 1993 and the bachelor of fine arts in theatre from Valdosta State University in 1986. For four years he served as chair of the faculty and was a member of the faculty senate for 11 years prior to serving as secretary and vice-chairman of the senate.



Bausmith

Bausmith named new education dean

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY has named a new dean for its School of Education.

Effective July 1, 2013, Dr. Shirley Carr Bausmith will become the school's new dean. She will replace Dr. Ron Faulkenberry, who has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1974. He will retire this year.

As dean, Bausmith will oversee undergraduate academic programs in early childhood education, elementary education and secondary education, and graduate programs in early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, instructional accommodation and learning disabilities.

"Dr. Bausmith is an excellent choice to lead our academic programs in education," said FMU Provost Richard Chapman. "Certainly she has earned the confidence of her colleagues through her dedication and commitment to the School of Education and to the University."

Bausmith received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from FMU in 1991. She graduated summa cum laude (4.0) and with University Honors. She received her Master of Education in 1994 from FMU and her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of South Carolina in Special Education in 2000. While pursuing her doctorate, she taught students with learning disabilities at West Florence High School, where she served as the special education department chair and received West Florence High School's 1998 Teacher of the Year Award.

Bausmith is currently an associate professor of education and serves as the director of graduate studies and special programs. Bausmith served on the Alumni Advisory Board/Board of Directors from 1994-2011 and as the alumni president from 2001-2003. She was also named FMU's Alumni Volunteer of the Year for 2012.

"It is rare to interact with a group of people as vital and committed to their work as those who make up the Francis Marion School of Education," Bausmith said. "I am excited about the opportunity to work with them in this capacity and honored to serve the students, faculty, and staff."

Meet your 2013 McNair Scholars

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY welcomes three new McNair Scholars to campus for the 2013-2014 school year.

Keanna Jones of Columbia (W.J. Keenan High School); Mary Mulholland of Sumter (Sumter High School); and Aaron Stafford of Florence (Darlington High School) are the newest students to participate in the McNair Scholars Program at FMU.

Established in the 2009-2010 school year, the privately endowed scholarship project is designed to attract students dedicated to public service and community leadership. This project is one facet of the Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History at FMU.

The students will receive free tuition, fees, book allowance and room and board for the four years they attend FMU. The PSARAS Foundation provided a \$500,000 gift to the university to create and sustain the program and the center in which it's located.

In addition to their regular studies, McNair Scholars will pursue a unique program of study, which includes extensive study abroad, and service learning opportunities. Throughout their academic careers, McNair Scholars will be encouraged to



Jones



Stafford



Mulholland

participate in community-centered activities, especially those that benefit the Pee Dee region.

The McNair Scholarship is renewable for a total of four years, provided the recipient completes 30 semester hours each year and maintains a 3.0 GPA.

McNair Scholars Program applicants participated in a competitive selection process including review of their application and work by a blue ribbon committee. Applicants also submitted essays that demonstrated their commitment to community service.

Francis Marion University, founded in 1970, is one of South Carolina's 13 state-supported universities. As one of the state's six comprehensive institutions, FMU prides itself on providing a strong liberal arts education for its nearly 4,100 students.

FRANCIS MARION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION unveiled a new branding campaign this year with the theme of “Build the Next Story.” This theme allows us to celebrate the association’s legacy as well as its promise to the future.

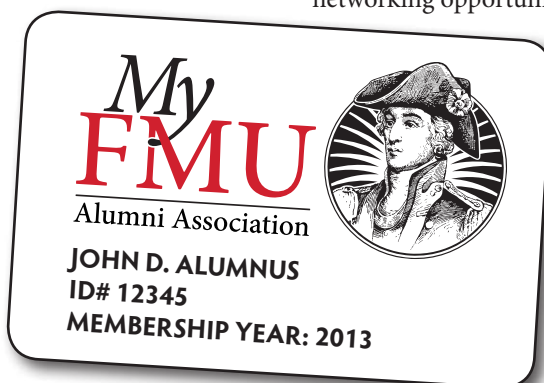
“Build the Next Story” reflects the Engraved Brick Campaign started by the University nearly a decade ago. The brick walkway leading to the Southern-style screened wraparound porch of the FMU Alumni House, The Cottage, features engraved bricks purchased by donors. The bricks signify the newest efforts to engage alumni support which allows us to build the next story. “The beauty of this strategy is that it is truly unique to the FMU Alumni Association. In the higher education sector, there is tremendous similarity in the advertising and messaging of various institutions. We know FMU is special - and so are our graduates,” said Julian Young, director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving.

The Francis Marion University Alumni Association’s vision is to develop a dedicated and dynamic global alumni community whose

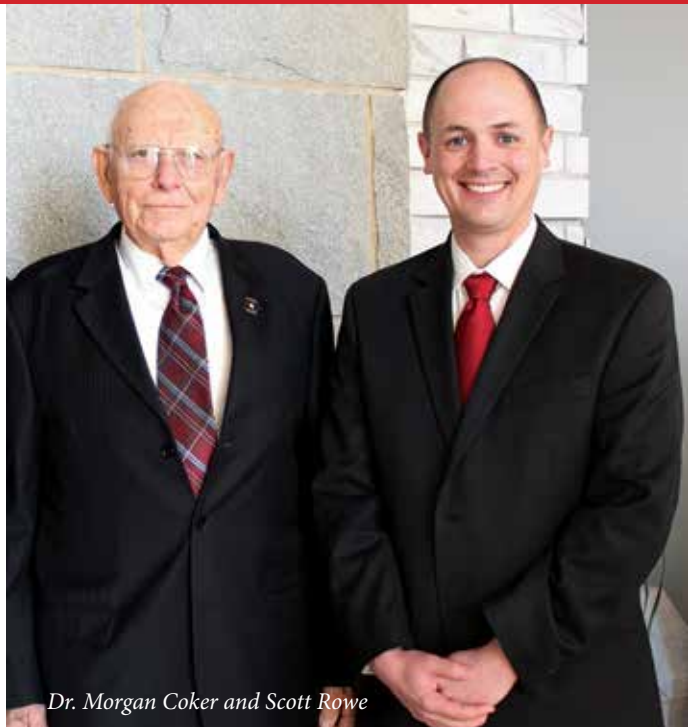
members support each other, are devoted to Francis Marion’s mission, and invested in its future.

The Alumni Association aims to advance and preserve the distinctive values and traditions of Francis Marion University. We strive to communicate to alumni, students and other constituents the achievements, requests and activities of the Association and the University. Alumni and friends are encouraged to invest their time and financial resources to influence others in helping the University achieve its goals. Many networking opportunities are provided so that the University

community may interact and institute innovative services and programs to support their continuing educational needs and interests. Building on the legacy of past leadership and passing on to future generations a strong Association will effectively serve the interests of each alumni and help us to be a strong advocate for Francis Marion University and the community as a whole.



Rowe named FMU School of Business Outstanding Alumnus



Dr. Morgan Coker and Scott Rowe

SCOTT ROWE RECEIVED Francis Marion University’s Morgan B. Coker School of Business Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2013.

First given in 1991, the Morgan B. Coker Award recognizes a School of Business graduate who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and success in their career field, as well as played a vital role in their community.

Rowe completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1996, and graduated from FMU in 2002 with the Master of Business Administration.

He has been with HealthSouth since 1997 and was previously CEO/administrator at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Florence. He has served as CEO at HealthSouth Chattanooga Rehabilitation Hospital since 2007.

Rowe’s community involvement has included serving as the chairman of the American Heart Association’s Heart Walk, a member of the Chancellor’s Roundtable at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and a member of the Physical Therapy Program Advisory Board for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Scott and his wife Michelle have two children, Caleb and Emmalee Grace.

FRANCIS MARION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS AWARD WINNERS

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY presented its 2012-2013 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner in February.

For the first time this year, in addition to the Outstanding Alumnus Award and the Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus, FMU honored those who have attained exceptional achievements or gained prominence in his/her profession.

The Outstanding Alumnus is S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson. He received a B.S. degree in political science from FMU in 1996 and received a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2002.

On November 2, 2010, Alan Wilson was elected South Carolina's 51st Attorney General and took office on January 12, 2011, becoming the nation's youngest attorney general – the state's peacekeeper.

He and his wife, Jennifer, have two young children, Michael and Anna Grace.

The Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus is Jessica Rush Mason ('02, '06) of Florence.

Mason has been employed with Pee Dee Electric Cooperative for 10 years and is the vice president of accounting for Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. Mason lives in Florence and she and her husband Michael have three children - Michael Jr., Brianna, Josiah.

The Professional Industry Achievement Award in Education and Arts was bestowed on Dr. Rainey Knight.

Knight was recently named 2013 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year for her efforts to lead Darlington County Schools to its stance as one of the top academic achieving districts in South Carolina despite challenges of an 82% poverty rate and low per student spending. Knight received her bachelor's in biology in 1977 from Francis Marion University and went on to complete her master's in biology from the University of South



Mason, Wilson and Burgess

Carolina in 1980. She earned her doctor of philosophy from the University of South Carolina in 1991.

Knight, a daughter of the late Tony and Jean Harris, lives in Hartsville and has a son, Harris.

The Professional Industry Achievement Award in Public Service and Law was awarded to Chad Burgess of Columbia.

He enrolled at FMU and completed a double major in history and political science and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree on May 6, 1995. Burgess completed his legal course work and received his juris doctorate from USC in 2001. In 2007, Burgess accepted the role of senior counsel in SCANA Corporation's Legal Regulatory Department.

Two years later, Burgess was promoted to assistant general counsel later rising to his current position of associate general counsel.

Today, he resides in Columbia with his wife, the former Dana M. Devine who holds an undergraduate degree from FMU and a graduate degree from The Citadel.

Non-Profit Leadership Institute class of 2013

Join the next class of the Francis Marion University's Non-Profit Leadership Institute, which begins September 6, 2013.

A dynamic group of speakers is lined up ready to share their knowledge and experience. Make the most of this opportunity and register now at www.fmunonprofit.org

Thirty-one South Carolina residents participated in the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University in April.





From left, Amy McAllister-Skinner, Dawn Fowler Walker, Chasity Davidson, and Dr. Robert L. Heaberlin

School of Education 2013 Alumni Awards

FOUR FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY School of Education alumni received 2013 awards at a reception.

Chasity Davidson ('10) received the Novice Educator Award, Dawn Fowler Walker ('11) received the Veteran Educator Award, Dr. Robert L. Heaberlin ('84) received the Administrator Award and Amy McAllister-Skinner ('07) received the Education Leader Award and serves as the 2013 South Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Davidson graduated from FMU in December 2010 with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. In August 2011, she was hired as a first grade teacher at Savannah Grove Elementary in Florence School District One. She serves on both the science and social studies vertical teams and the Field Day Committee at the school. She lives in Effingham with her husband Josh who is also a graduate of FMU. The couple has a one-month old daughter, Mckinley.

Walker graduated from Emory University with a joint degree in philosophy and religion. Later deciding she wanted to be a teacher, she went back to school. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Coker in December 2008. She began working in Florence School District One at Timrod Elementary in January 2009. She currently teaches fifth grade science and social studies. In December 2011, Walker earned the M.Ed. in instructional accommodations from FMU. She is the 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year for Timrod Elementary. Walker was also chosen as an Honor Roll Teacher, which is one of the top four in the district and finalist to the District Teacher of the Year. Walker lives in Quinby with her husband, Mitch, and twin eight-year old boys, Will and Harrison.

Heaberlin has been an educator for 41 years with 29 years in public schools in Florida, Ohio, and Georgia and 12 years of private school in South Carolina and Georgia. He has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels and also been a principal at all three levels of education. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University in elementary education in 1972; a master's degree in elementary education from FMU in 1984; a specialist's degree in educational leadership from West Georgia College in 1990; and an Ed.D. in educational leadership from the University of Georgia in 2000.

Heaberlin is currently the principal at Lee Middle School in Coweta County, Ga., which he opened in 2006. The school was designated as a National School to Watch in 2012 by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Level Learning and was also named a Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch, the highest honor that a middle school can attain. He and his wife, Jane, live in Newnan, Ga. They have three children and two grandchildren.

McAllister-Skinner is an English teacher at Johnsonville High School and is the 2013 South Carolina Teacher of the Year. She earned a bachelor's degree from FMU and master's degree in literacy from Coastal Carolina University. She is involved with her local chapter of the National Writing Project and the S.C. Council of Teachers of English. She received her National Board Certification in 2011 and just completed her fifth year of teaching. Currently, she resides in Lake City with her husband, Hank.

FMU receives \$150,000 from Santee Cooper



Lonnie Carter

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY received a \$150,000 gift from Santee Cooper as part of the electric utility's support of the University's forthcoming industrial engineering degree program.

"Industries looking to locate in South Carolina, or stay in South Carolina, need a good supply of qualified industrial engineers," said Lonnie Carter, president of Santee Cooper. "Francis Marion University is uniquely positioned to provide

this education to a significant part of South Carolina. Santee Cooper is pleased to support this program and extend it through scholarships to deserving South Carolina students."

Santee Cooper will provide \$50,000 to fund the instructional costs of the program, which will begin in January 2014, said Libby Cooper, interim director of the FMU Foundation. The balance of \$100,000 will be used to establish the Santee Cooper Endowed Scholarship Fund for students enrolled in the new program.

"I have nothing but praise for Lonnie Carter and the board of Santee Cooper. This institution has been a strong proponent for education in South Carolina for decades," said FMU President Dr. Fred Carter. "It's not surprising that the very first gift we get in support of this new program comes from our friends at Santee Cooper."

The industrial engineering program was initiated from requests by industry leaders to provide education for engineers in the northeastern region of South Carolina. A needs assessment and feasibility study was conducted by a group of FMU faculty members, including Dr. Peter King, associate provost and professor of biology; Dr. David Peterson, professor of physics and chair of physics and astronomy; and Dr. Susan Peters, professor of management and director of the Center for Entrepreneurship.



2013 National Model United Nations Conference

THE NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS is one of the largest simulations of the UN decision-making process. The Model UN draws approximately 4,000 students from around the world. The students involved garner an in-depth knowledge of a single country that they must represent "in character" for the duration of the conference. The students participate in real-world debate situations over public policy matters affecting their assigned country and the international community. The students have an opportunity to interact with Americans from other universities as well as students of varied cultures from around the globe. The meeting is held in New York City to take advantage of the ability to utilize the UN Headquarters for some of the meetings. This year all final voting of the General Assembly Plenary committee took place in the UN General Assembly Hall. The opening and closing ceremonies also provide the students the ability to hear UN career diplomats share their expertise and experiences. The link to the NMUN is www.nmun.org.

The 2013 National Model United Nations conference took place March 24-28 in New York City. FMU represented the Republic of Maldives, a small island country in the Indian Ocean. A group of seven students worked to learn as much about the

Maldives and the UN governing process as possible along with three faculty members; Dr. Scott Kaufman, Dr. David White and Dr. Alissa Wartens. Dr. Wartens was the on-site faculty advisor this year. This is the seventh year that FMU has participated in the NMUN.

The seven students who participated from FMU this year were: Kiley Lockamy, a Spanish major who served as head delegate and was also a member of the 2012 FMU Model UN team; Charlotte Powell, a English/history double major; Stephen Yokim, an accounting major; Kristina Marra, an English major; Cierra Buckman, a graduating senior in biology/pre-med; Allison Rhodes, a political science/Spanish double major; Alexis Johnson, an English major.

The NMUN awards four honors: Best Position Papers, Outstanding Delegation, Distinguished Delegation and Honorable Mention Delegation. The 2013 team earned an Honorable Mention.

Awards FMU has won: 2009 Honorable Mention representing Malta; 2010 Best Position Papers representing Rwanda; 2012 Distinguished Delegation representing Seychelles; 2013 Honorable Mention representing Maldives.



Long-time athletic director and baseball coach enters FMU Athletic Hall of Fame

FORMER HEAD BASEBALL COACH and athletic director Gerald Griffin became the newest inductee into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming 2013 festivities.

Griffin established the Francis Marion baseball program in 1972 and guided the Patriots for 28 seasons until his retirement in 2000. He registered more than 730 career victories, including 22 years of 20-plus wins at the helm of the Francis Marion program.

In the spring of 2012, he was honored by the University as his name adorns the newly completed athletic complex, which includes baseball, softball, and soccer fields as well as a field house and lake.

A native of Williamston, N.C., Griffin joined the Francis Marion staff in 1972 as head baseball coach and assistant dean of student affairs. He was named athletic director in 1973 and served continuously in that capacity while also coaching baseball, and led an athletic program from mere existence to one of national prominence.

On the baseball diamond, he directed FMU to a 655-433-1 mark in 28 seasons, including a trip to the 1993 NCAA regional tournament. His career baseball coaching record, including six seasons at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, stands at an impressive 736-521-1.

Nine times in his career, Griffin garnered "coach of the year" honors, twice being named the South Carolina Baseball "Coach of the Year," and in 1993, he was elected to the NAIA Hall of Fame. That honor gained him formal recognition by the S.C. House of Representatives with a house resolution congratulating and commending him for the honor.

Between 1974 and 1999, he directed the Patriot summer baseball camp, which was attended by countless area youths.

As athletic director, Griffin directed the Francis Marion athletic program as it moved from NAIA status to NCAA Division II affiliation in 1992. Under his leadership, the program grew from seven sports (four men's and three women's) to 14 sports (seven for both men and women). In 1997, the school received the

highest marks among all South Carolina institutions and Peach Belt Athletic Conference members according to a gender equity report card released by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Under Griffin, the school captured a pair of team national championships, both in women's basketball; won two NCAA women's tennis doubles titles; and earned back-to-back Peach Belt Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup trophies (1997-98 and 1998-99), signifying the most successful all-around athletic program in the conference. He was instrumental in the founding of the Patriot's Brigade (now the Swamp Fox Club), the fund-raising organization for FMU athletics.

In 1993, he inaugurated the Patriots Brigade Academic Honor Roll banquet, annually honoring student athletes for academic achievement. In 1991, Griffin organized and directed the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame, which with his induction will now have 39 members. In addition, he wrote the proposal to the NCAA for the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), which was awarded during the years of 1997, 1998, and 1999.

During the school's 20 years as a member of the NAIA District Six (1972-92), Francis Marion won 38 district team titles, including at least one district championship in 17 of the 20 years. During its final year as a NAIA member, FMU won four district titles. After joining the Peach Belt in 1992, Francis Marion won four team championships, with eight sports earning national poll rankings, prior to Griffin's retirement.

Griffin earned both the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina, where he was a four-year letterman on the Tar Heel baseball team, twice earning All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. He later spent several seasons in the Philadelphia Phillies minor league system.

Among the 39 members in the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame, are five of his former players (Jeremy Halpin, Wayne Huggins, Scotty Keefe, Anthony "Chico" Lombardo, and Mike Wilson) and his former assistant coach Tom C. Davidson.

Spring Sports Shorts

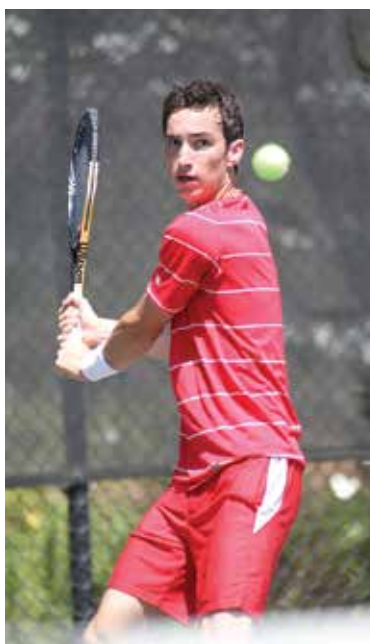


Baseball

Francis Marion posted a 28-20 record and placed sixth during the Peach Belt Conference regular season, one victory shy of finishing second. Junior left fielder Dalton Gress (Aiken, SC) was named to the first-team Capital One Academic All-District III Team, and also earned Peach Belt Conference All-Academic Team honors. Senior third baseman Stephen Tarkenton (Newnan, GA) led the team with a .353 batting average. He also ranked as the second toughest batter to strikeout in NCAA Division II, fanning only five times in 227 plate appearances. Senior right-handed pitcher Don Sandifer (Bamberg, SC) finished his career with a 25-13 record and a 3.39 ERA, while starting a school-record 44 contests. FMU head coach Art Inabinet recorded his 500th career coaching win with an 11-7 victory over the College of Saint Rose in the first game of a Feb. 9 doubleheader.

Softball

FMU registered a 25-26 record this past season, while finishing tied for seventh in the PBC standings. Senior third baseman Tristan Faile (Lancaster, SC) and junior pitcher/designated player Taylor Luff (Bonneau, SC) garnered All-Conference honors, while Faile, senior catcher Olivia Ferguson (Roanoke, VA) and junior outfielder Olivia Zielinski (Greenville, SC) all earned PBXC All-Academic Team recognition. Faile, who led the team in hitting with a .305 average, was also named to the first-team Capital One Academic All-District III Team. Luff set a school record with 251 strikeouts, while posting a 14-14 pitching mark as the Patriots played their first full season at the FMU Softball Stadium.



Men's Tennis

A young Patriot squad – only one senior – finished with a 15-9 record and a No. 18 national ranking. Eight of the team's losses were to Top-20 ranked opponents. Led by senior Alex Caspari (Hurth, Germany), Francis Marion finished fifth at the PBC Tournament and made its sixth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, and the 17th in the past 19 years. Caspari, one of only five FMU singles players to register 50 career wins, and sophomore Gavin Davison (Bingley, England) were both selected to the All-Conference Team. Caspari ranked 25th nationally in singles play and he and Davison were 15th among Division II doubles duos.

Women's Tennis

FMU recorded a 23-4 record, equaling the school record for wins in a season, while finishing third at the Peach Belt Tournament, and being ranked 11th nationally. The Patriots received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in eight years, and the 12th time in the past 19 years. Freshman Lena Specht (Schwetzingen, Germany) was named the conference's Freshman of the Year, while senior Mona Blauen (Cologne, Germany) and junior Julia Graf (Aerzen, Germany) gained All-Conference honors. Blauen was ranked 18th nationally in singles and Blauen and Graf were 12th in doubles. Blauen ended her standout career ranking third in program history with 65 career singles wins and second with 72 doubles victories. All four of the team's losses were to teams ranked in the Top 10.





Golf

The Patriots concluded the spring portion of their 2012-13 season with three Top-10 finishes in six events. FMU placed a season-best second at its own Wexford Plantation Intercollegiate on Hilton Head Island. Freshman Tobias Pettersen (Sarpsborg, Norway) competed in all 11 tournaments during the season and registered a team-best 75.52 stroke average. Freshman William Godfrey (Columbia, SC), playing as an individual, finished tied for 38th at the 27th-annual PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

Men's Basketball

FMU posted an 11-15 mark this past season, while leading the nation in three-point field goals made per game. Junior guard Evrik Gary (Camden, SC) led the team in scoring (18.2 ppg) and rebounding (5.8 rpg) and picked up PBC All-Conference recognition. During the season, he surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career.

Women's Basketball

Senior guard Kristen Dickerson (Columbia, SC) received PBC All-Academic Team honors.

Swamp Fox Notes

Ten Patriot student-athletes were named to the university's chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society. The 2013 inductees are men's basketball player Tyler Deihl (Woodstock, Ga.), women's cross country runner London Barnhill (Hemingway, SC), men's tennis player Tim Ruepke (Bremen, Germany), softball players Kristie Hanewinkel (Dunnellon, FL) and Olivia Zielinski (Greenville, SC), volleyball players Jessica Imbimbo (Hudson, FL) and Paige Perreault (Kankakee, IL), and women's soccer players Yasmin Bunter (Fleet, England), Kristina Marra (Toronto, Ontario, Canada), and Brittney Smith (Arkport, NY). Ten current Patriot student-athletes were previously inducted. Over the past 13 years, 123 different FMU student-athletes have earned this honor.

Junior midfielder Yasmin Bunter garnered National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) honorable mention University Division Scholar All-South Region accolades for the 2012 season.

FMU men's cross country runner Ian Wallace (Fort Mill, SC) was named to the USTFCCA NCAA Division II All-Academic Team for the 2012 season. Wallace becomes the seventh Patriot cross country runner to earn national All-Academic recognition.

A total of 85 student-athletes during the fall semester and 87 during the spring semester were named to the university's Swamp Fox Honor Roll for earning a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Each academic year, approximately 200 students compete in intercollegiate athletics at Francis Marion. Eight student-athletes posted perfect 4.0 GPAs for the fall semester, while 13 achieved that mark during the spring.



Ian Wallace with Head Coach Mark Blumen

43rd Athletic Banquet Award Recipients

Francis Marion University recently held its 43rd-annual Athletic Banquet in the university's Edward S. Ervin III Dining Hall. The following is a list of awards presented to this year's student athletes.

Holly Scott - Aiken, SC - Gail Summersett Outlaw Outstanding Cheerleader Award
Tobias Pettersen - Sarpsborg, Norway - Clifford Cormell Jr. Most Valuable Player Award for Men's Golf
Simon Nett - Grimstad, Norway - Joe and Elease Webb Most Valuable Player Award, Men's Soccer
Rebecca Hoekstra - Bowmanville, Ontario - Folly Carter Most Valuable Player Award, Women's Soccer
Taylor Luff - Bonneau, SC - Ashley Lynn Most Valuable Player Award, Women's Softball
Alex Caspari - Hurth, Germany - Men's Tennis Most Valuable Player Award
Mona Blauen - Cologne, Germany - Gladys Hite Most Valuable Player Award, Women's Tennis
Tyler Waters - Clover, SC - Jerry and Jean Lee Most Valuable Player Award, Men's Track and Field
Hannah Muzzillo - Florence, SC - Women's Track & Field Most Valuable Player Award
Liz Drewry - Richmond, VA - Joseph B. Durant Most Valuable Player Award, Women's Volleyball
Stephen Tarkenton - Newnan, GA - Conyers O'Bryan Most Valuable Player Award, Baseball
Evrik Gary - Camden, SC - Howard Stokes Most Valuable Player Award for Men's Basketball
Kristen Dickerson - Columbia, SC - Women's Basketball Most Valuable Player Award
Ian Wallace - Fort Mill, SC - Men's Cross Country Most Valuable Player Award
Whitney Wagner - Forest, VA - Carolyn Bishop Frate Most Valuable Player Award, Women's Cross Country
Dalton Gress - Aiken, SC - Debra Lee Orander Swamp Fox Academic Award



Dalton Gress, Mona Blauen, Alex Caspari, Taylor Luff, Stephen Tarkenton, Rebecca Hoekstra, Evrik Gary and Kristen Dickerson



Ian Wallace, Hannah Muzzillo, Tobias Pettersen, Simon Nett, Whitney Wagner and Tyler Waters

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1980s

Dr. Robert Heaberlin '84, principal of Lee Middle School in Coweta County, Georgia is the 2012 recipient of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) Distinguished Educator Award. Heaberlin also received the Administrator Award from FMU this February. He has been active in professional organizations, serving as president of the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders and president of the Georgia Association of Middle School Principals and is a member of the Georgia Middle School Association and the NASSP No Child Left Behind Task Force.

Johanna Gibson '86, '94, joined FMU as associate director of Human Resources, Administrative Services in March 2013.

Tracy Q. Lee '86, joined FMU as Senior Accountant - Financial Reporting.

Russell Branham '87, well respected for his more than 25 years in the NASCAR industry, was named the Director of Public Relations for Talladega Superspeedway and will serve as the Executive Director of the International Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Tamela Barfield George '89, received her Master of Education degree from FMU in December of 2012.

1990s

Sonya Molnar '90, '94 received her National Board Certification.

Melanie B. Dozier '95, received 2012 Outstanding Alumni of the Year for the Spadoni College of Education at Coastal Carolina University.

Melissa R. Ward '95, joined FMU as Director of the Richardson Center for the Child in July 2012.

S.C. Attorney General **Alan Wilson '96**, received the Outstanding Alumnus award from FMU in February 2013.

Joanna Nolan Miller '97, received her Master of Education degree from FMU in December of 2012.

2000s

Ray Alton Floyd III '01, is opening Southern Latitudes off West Radio Drive near the Florence Civic Center.

Kenneth A. Grice '01, was promoted to Lead IT Business Consultant at Duke-Energy in February.

Raye Davis '02, opened V.I.P. Spa and Nails in Florence.

David S. Galloway '03, and Julian Megan Craven Epting were married in October 2012.

Maggie Gause '03, '09, joined Florence-Darlington Technical College as the Director of Admissions in April 2013.

Bryant Evans Massey '05, and **Lindsey Nicole Harte '07**, were married in January 2013.

Robert Joseph Woodward '05, received his Master of Business Administration degree in December 2012.

Richard A. Mention '06, joined FMU as the Desktop Support Technician in January 2013.

Terrinique P. Pennerman '06, recently announced the launch of their hair care product line Kurlee Belle. Pennerman is founder and CEO of Kurlee Belle, LLC.

Tradd Bastian '07, received his Masters of Business Administration from the Citadel.

Lindsey Nicole Massey '07, and **Bryant Evans Massey '05**, were married in January 2013.

April Schaffer Lynch '07, received her Master of Education degree from FMU in December 2012.

Kristen Leigh Steen '07, received her Master of Science degree at FMU in December 2012.

Angela Dawn Bailey '08, was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree in December 2012.

Francis Marion Humphrey III '08, received his Master of Education degree from FMU in December 2012.

Daquan Wayne Sellers '08 received his Master of Business Administration degree in December 2012.

Heather Michele Gray '09, received her Master of Education degree from FMU in December 2012.

Matthew Kimrey '09, received his Master of Business Administration degree in December 2012. He has accepted the position of Operations Analyst at Match Factors, Inc.

Jessica Lyerly '09, received her Master of Education degree from FMU in December 2012.

2010s

Lesley B. Coker '10, and **Barry R. Huggins** were married in November 2012.

Sarah Theresa Cowan '10, received her Master of Science degree at FMU in December 2012.

Juan Diego Cruz '10, received his Master of Business Administration degree in December 2012.

Chasity M. Davidson '10, received the FMU School of Education's Novice Educator Award in February 2013.

Megan Nicole Munson-Howell '10, received her Master of Science degree from FMU in December 2012.

Angela M. Salem '10, a midfielder from Coplay, Ohio, was selected as one of five players in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). Salem scored the winning penalty kick for the Western New York Flash to win the Women's Professional Soccer League Elite League Championship for the club last July. The technical center midfielder became the first female alum to play professional soccer.

Courtney Driggers '11, has become a loan processor at C&A Mortgage Services in Florence.

Andy Blankenship '11, joined Five Star Chevrolet as a sales consultant in January.

Lindsey S. Buchanan '11, has taken a job with the Florence Morning News as the Online Production Coordinator.

Dawn Fowler Walker '11, received the Veteran Educator Award in February 2013.

Thomas Buckman '11, accepted the position of Staff Accountant at Anne Marie Hanna, CPA.

Matthew Buchanan '12, has joined Staples in Columbia as a credit analyst.

Lauren Casey '12, received her Master of Business Administration degree and has accepted a coaching position in Australia.

Carissa Fazio '12, married **Stephen Crowley '11** on March 16th, 2013.

Ta Haynesworth '12, joined the Financial Assistance Office at FMU in February.

Katrina Johannsen '12, joined FMU in September 2012 as a lead teacher in the Richardson Center for the Child.

Lisa Knell '12, employed in the Admissions Office, received her Master of Business Administration degree in December.

Shauna E. Lair '12, won the ArtFields™ Logo Contest in 2012.

Hannah Maltry '12, married **Tyler Cantrell '13** on May 24th, 2013 in Lexington.

Frank Pezzimenti '12, graduated from MUSC with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

Michael Wayne Richey '12, employed by FMU, received his Master of Business Administration degree from FMU in December.

Richard J. Smith '12, has been accepted into medical school at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Mariel Webster '13, married **Tripp McAllister** on May 11, 2013.

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